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SUBJECT: INQUIRY ON HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS

1. FROM NEA/IRN. A PROMINENT AND HIGHLY RESPONSIBLE  
HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST HAS BROUGHT FOLLOWING RUMORS TO  
OUR ATTENTION. WE WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER INFO YOU CAN  
DEVELOP SO THAT WE CAN PASS (ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS, IF  
NECESSARY) TO HIM.

2. SAID SHAMS AL-AHMAD, A PUBLISHER AND BROTHER OF JAMAL  
AL-AHMAD, HAS BEEN ARRESTED FOR PUBLISHING BROTHER'S BOOK  
"WESTERNMANIA".

3. FNU BEHAZIN, A WRITER, HAS BEEN ARRESTED.

4. FOUR TERRORISTS HAVE BEEN TRIED AND CONVICTED:  
HUSSEIN SHARIATMADARI (APPARENTLY NO RELATION TO  
AYATOLLAH) - 10 YEARS; MAS'US MUTAHEDEN - 10 YEARS; AHMAD  
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MOSTAFA KASHANI, A UNIVERSITY STUDENT - 15 YEARS; AND ALI  
REZA BABAKHANI, UNIVERSITY STUDENT - 15 YEARS. INTEREST  
IN THESE TRIALS IS WHETHER THEY WERE PUBLIC IF THEY TOOK  
PLACE AFTER NOVEMBER 7.

5. SAME SOURCE HAS RECEIVED ALLEGATIONS THAT HASSAN AHSAM  
(CHILDREN'S STORY WRITER) AND MUHAMMED REZA ZAMINI (WRITER,

SOCIOLOGIST) WERE ARRESTED AROUND CHRISTMAS 1977 AND WERE  
TORTURED. VANCE

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